

AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

This Response is a substitute for the Amendment and Response filed October 12, 2004 (not entered) and is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated August 11, 2004.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as shown in the listing of claims above.

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of a prompt Advisory Action.

Claim 1 Claim 5 was indicated allowable if independent. Since claim 5 added a spring biasing feature to its parent claim 1, this feature has been added to claim 1 literally from claim 5. Claim 1, now having the scope of claim 5, is submitted to be allowable just as claim 5 was deemed to be allowable if it incorporated its parent claim 1.

Claims 2, 3 and 4 depend on now allowable claim 1 and are urged to be patentable for reasons advanced in connection with amended claim 1

Claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 6; claim 6 has been deemed allowable in the Advisory Action. Claim 5 as amended above is thus allowable as well.

Claims 7, 8 and 9 depend at least indirectly from now allowable claim 1 and are allowable therefore. The typo in claim 9 is corrected above to read "8" as originally intended (note it refers to a "combination").

Claims 10 to 16 are cancelled.

Claim 17 now depends from claim 6 and is allowable with claim 6. Claim 18 depends on claim 17 and is patentable therewith; other amendments are made to claim 18 for smoother reading.

Claim 19 is cancelled.

Claim 20 was indicated allowable in the Advisory Action. In the present Response the word "plastic" has been deleted from the claim as previously presented in the non-entered Response. Since the Advisory Action argues that patentability is not found in the selection of plastic vs. other materials, this change in claim 20 is not deemed significant.

The foregoing amendments are presented at the first opportunity to do so.

Conclusion

Reconsideration and allowance of the application and all pending claims are requested. Should any matters remain, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

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